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Control and Security Measures - Sulina Mouth of the Danube River

1. 25X1 the Danube River the Sulina mouth of the river was patrolled by a dark, lead colored motor boat equipped with one heavy machine gun in the bow and another in the stern. The identifying designation was "GW-13". Such patrol boats are always encountered when sailing to this port. At 0700 hours on the following day a pilot accompanied by a soldier came on board and the ship proceeded to Sulina where it moored alongside the wharf. A doctor came on board and conducted the usual health inspection and then departed with the pilot.

2. A committee of people headed by a customs guard official, with the rank of captain, came on board the ship. They asked for five copies of the ship's personnel list. They checked the crew's identification cards with the list and compared the pictures with each member of the crew. 25X1 foreign currency was determined. It was sealed up but a list of the amount and kind was not made. 25X1 A camera and revolvers were locked up and sealed in the wireless room. They determined those articles to be declared at customs, such as nylons, gold, etc. Note was taken of the quantity of fuel, provisions, and cigarettes and an itemized list prepared. Cigarette requirements for three days were set aside and the remainder sealed. The entire crew other than the captain were assembled in the salon, and the ship was searched down to the engine room and coal bunkers. These control and search procedures lasted three hours. 25X1

Sulina to Reni

3. 25X1 were seen on the river bank at Tulcea, a fish canning factory and a brick kiln. An unarmed patrol boat followed the ship for 45 miles to the beginning of the Chilia distributary of the Danube. a station 25X1

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for these patrol boats at the promontory formed by the branching of the two distributaries. At this point, upon prompting from the pilot, the Rumanian flag was lowered. The ship did not hoist the Soviet flag.

4. East of Reni there were 18 large petroleum tanks installed along the river bank. [redacted] six of them were not painted [redacted] they were newly constructed. 25X1 25X1

5. At the wharf at Reni there were yellow-colored barracks 15 meters high above the water level. The men trained without arms and in marine uniforms. In the courtyard of the barracks there were three shielded naval-type guns mounted on concrete and facing the river. The barrel of one of the guns appeared longer than those of the others. East of the barracks at Reni there is a large railroad yard. There were more than 200 petroleum tank cars on the tracks. A railroad spur extends to the river bank and serves three piers. At one pier iron rods were being loaded into a lighter. At another pier red colored earth was being unloaded from a lighter to the river bank; and at the third there was an elevator for loading and unloading wheat.

6. One of the four cranes at Reni is a large, new crane of about 10-ton capacity. The other three were small revolving cranes of two-ton capacity. Many workmen were observed in the railroad station and also on a building resembling a warehouse in the vicinity of the station.

Reni to Galati

7. After passing Reni, the Rumanian flag was hoisted again and, beginning at the 73rd mile, a motor boat started following the ship. [redacted] 25X1 25X1 it was to prevent any foreign ship from coming in contact with the shore so that no documents or wireless apparatus might be taken ashore. [redacted] 25X1 all ships of all countries are followed.

Galati - Control and Security Measures

8. [redacted] 25X1 ship anchored about 1½ miles from Galati. After two officers and two pilots came to and boarded the ship from a rowboat, the ship was taken into Galati port and moored alongside the wharf in front of the administration building. The ship was boarded by the port maritime agent and a control committee of 12 persons under the direction of two army captians. They examined the documents prepared in Sulina and checked the places which had been sealed and resealed them. The identification cards of the ship's personnel were examined and the ship searched. The port director examined the ship's measurements papers. After preparing and signing the control slip the crew was permitted to go ashore. There was no change in the procedure of permitting the crew to go ashore. The crew was permitted to go to any part of the town on foot or by using any means of transportation without restriction.

9. The streetcars in Galati are old, the buses few and only two taxicabs were observed. Much of the transportation within the city is by ox carts. The people are polite and cheerful but their clothes are simple and shabby. Clothing is very expensive and hard to find. [redacted] 25X1 cost in lei of some items as follows: first quality bread, 5.5; second quality bread, 4.5; package of cigarettes (20), 7; second quality cigarettes, 4.5; bottle of vermouth, 15; bottle of rum, 25; and a plate of food in a restaurant from 6 to 15. [redacted] 25X1

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10. The destruction of World War II is very noticeable in the town; nevertheless, there is no building or repairing taking place. The interior of Galati is filthy and muddy. The people react cooly toward the regime and no one likes the Soviets; all said that they were happy and satisfied with the friendship of the Germans. Everyone says "there will be an end to this also".

11. [redacted] 25X1

Military Activity and Observations

12. [redacted] in Galati, [redacted] one transport plane; no military planes were seen. Only one Rumanian river patrol boat was observed. All officers seen who were above the rank of captain were Soviets while all the junior grade officers were Rumanian. 25X1 25X1

Port Facilities and Installations at Galati

13. At Galati there are two piers, very old, at which ships first to arrive may moor. In addition there is a primitive temporary pier jutting out from the river bank; it is constructed of planks and boards. Much loading and unloading is done by ships winches since there is no crane for this purpose on the river bank. At the dock there is a large crane. There is a small crane of about two-ton capacity at the railroad track. There is no floating crane.

14. Three of five tug boats under construction at the Galati shipyard were almost completed. A new ship of 4,500 tons was reported under construction at the shipyard

15. The departure controls and security are the same procedure as that entering the port.

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